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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Eileen B. O'Hara. (3) Gail Kempler.
 (2) Lorraine Spector. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 31 May 2001.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
 c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
 If Yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: 1-25.

Identification of prior art discussed: PN 5,844,099.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The scope of claim 1 was discussed, in which claim 1 as written could encompass proteins of the prior art, depending on the definition of multimerizing component, the role of which needs to be clarified in the claim. Also, ways to clarify the organization of the different protein encoding components of the nucleic acid in claim 1 was discussed. Also discussed was possible strategies for continuing prosecution of the claimed subject matter.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview(if box is checked).

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